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Joint Resolution

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To provide for the designation of the month of October 1982, as "Head Start Awareness Month".

Whereas more than eight thousand Head Start centers located in every State and territory of the United States are currently serving preschool disadvantaged children and their families by providing health, educational, nutritional, and social services;
Whereas eight million two hundred and sixty-nine thousand and four hundred children and their families have been served in Head Start since the program began in 1965;
Whereas Head Start has led the Nation in mainstreaming and providing early intervention services to handicapped children;
Whereas Head Start has demonstrated outstanding leadership in the development of volunteerism;
Whereas Head Start has taken the initiative in developing successful parent involvement;
Whereas Head Start has been a frontrunner in collaborative efforts with other federally, State, and locally funded programs in the delivery of services; and
Whereas the United States Congress recognizes Head Start as the foremost early childhood program in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Head Start Awareness Month.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the month of October 1982 is designated as "Head Start Awareness Month" and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe that month with appropriate activities and ceremonies.

Approved October 14, 1982.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 588:

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